

Elgin United Church
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
9 March 2025

In Attendance: Clint Halladay, Maureen Bee, Mark Bee, Graham Lowe, Marion Cooper, Ted Brett, JoAnne Fletcher, Adriann Overdulse, Cindy Carbino, Jane Campbell, Andrea Thompson, Michelle Knapp, Pat Greenhorn, Elizabeth Wright, Morgan Wright, Sandra Smith, Karen Myers, Mary Carbino

Regrets: John Carley, Anne Overdulse

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Chairperson, Clint Halladay, there being a quorum present.

Territorial Acknowledgement: (All) Elgin United Church acknowledges that we are situated, live and work on ancestral territories of Indigenous peoples. We recognize the historical presence of the Algonquin people in this region. We honour their connection to this land, both in the past and the present and commit to the just pursuit of truth and reconciliation.

1. Opening Prayer (All) Merciful One, we unite as a congregation because You have made us into one spiritual body through Your saving gospel. As we gather for this church meeting, we invite Your presence among us. May Your wisdom guide our discussions and may Your love unite our hearts. Give us clear minds and peaceful hearts as we gather together in Your name. Amen. ACTION BY
2. Tribute to the Deceased Mark Bee read the Tribute to the Deceased for the past year:
Bonnie Bilton, March 1 1951 - March 5 2024
Jansje Keates, May 11 1946 - April 20 2024
Joanne McLean, January 24 1946 – July 6 2024
Robert (Bob) Smith, May 23 1948 – September 8 2024
Jim Rowat, January 18 1938 – September 16 2024
Leighton Leroy Coatsworth, August 29 1944 – September 22 2024
3. Voting Motion Mark Bee motioned to grant all adherents the right to participate and vote at this and all 2025 congregational meetings. Roberta McKinney seconded the motion. APPROVED
4. Agenda No changes. Michelle Knapp motioned that the agenda be accepted. Maureen Bee seconded the motion. APPROVED
5. Minutes of ACM 18 Feb 24 A motion to adopt the minutes of the 2024 ACM was entered by Pat Greenhorn. Marion Cooper seconded the motion. APPROVED

6. Presentation of Reports
- The reports were presented in the same order as printed in the 2024 Annual Report, and start at page 15, followed by pages 18-28.
- a. Council Chair (Clint Halladay): As written;
 - b. Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) (Ted Brett): As written;
 - c. Trustee Report (Adriann Overdulse): As written;
 - d. EPPC Young at Heart Breakfast Club (Clint Halladay and Ted Brett) As written;
 - e. Sharing and Caring (Pat Greenhorn): As written;
 - f. Children's Ministry Report (Pat Greenhorn): As written;
 - g. Membership and Sacraments Report (Roberta McKinney): As written;
 - h. Music (Morgan Wright, Michelle Knapp): As written;
 - i. Property (Property Committee): As written;
 - j. Audio Visual (EUC A/V Group): As written; and
 - k. Community Partnership and Fundraising (Cindy Carbino); and
 - l. Finances (prepared by Karen Pine); As written; and
 - m. Let the minutes show that the reports were received.
7. Nominations & Vacancies
- a. Declared vacancies are: Chairperson for the Community Partnership and Fundraising committee. Clint Halladay thanked Cindy Carbino for her work over the years, as the outgoing chairperson.
 - b. Call for New Nominations: Morgan Wright nominated Maureen Bee for the vacant position. Maureen Bee jointly nominated Michelle Knapp. Ted Brett seconded the nominations. Both nominees accepted.

- c. Approval of Nominations: Cindy Carbino motioned that all nominations be approved. The seconder was Pat Greenhorn. APPROVED
8. Presentation of Proposed 2025 Budget Clint Halladay presented the proposed budget for 2025. Maureen Bee made a motion to accept the proposed budget, as presented. APPROVED
The motion was seconded by Sandra Smith.
9. Call for Further Business There was no further business.
10. Remarks of the Pastoral Supervisor JoAnne Fletcher imparted that we are all ministers here and this is so evident. She stated that we're sharing our strengths and rising to our challenges. The council is doing a great job. As well, thanks to Annette our EPPC secretary and face to the public. Congratulations everyone!
10. Remarks of Council Chair Clint expressed his gratitude to our amazing council. He acknowledged our choir and the musical leadership of Morgan Wright and Michelle Knapp. Finally, Clint spoke to the congregation as a whole, thanking them for being here and stepping up. 2025 will be a super year!
On behalf of the congregation, Mark Bee thanked Clint for his leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication.
11. Closing Prayer Our closing prayer was given by JoAnne Fletcher.
12. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.